

## St. Luke's Episcopal Church

February 2020

# DISTRICT 9 CHURCHES CELEBRATE THEIR MINISTRIES

"Light of Light That Shines Ere the Worlds Began" A Service of Readings & Hymns Free-Will Offering for North Porch · Festive Reception Follows

A group of Episcopal Churches in Northeastern Bergen County will worship together at "Light of Light That Shines ere the Worlds Began," the first-ever joint Service of Readings and Hymns for the Epiphany Season. The service, featuring instrumentalists and a combined choir of members from the area churches, will be held on Sun., Feb. 23 at 5:00 P.M. at St. Paul's Church in Englewood.

Following its past practice, the area gathering of Episcopal congregations,

known as District 9, will announce its annual Lenten Fundraiser and accept a free-will offering at the doors for the 2020 campaign to support the ministry of <u>North Porch</u> <u>Women & Infants' Centers.</u> A festive reception follows the service.

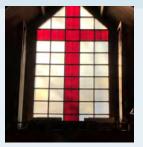
### "Light of Light ere the Worlds Began" Service Embodies Major Themes of Epiphany Season Reflecting the many talents and diverse backgrounds of the parishioners in its member churches, the

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# Welcome to Our St. Luke's Newsletter

We invite you to worship with us . The Good News is that God's love is for ALL of us.

## **Come and See!**



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# Who's This Cutie Visiting St. Luke's?!?



Proud parents Paul & Jennifer Nobleman brought their lovely little daughter, little Ms. Madelyn, to church for the first time. She bowled EVERYBODY over!

Possibly even prouder than her parents was Grandma Roberta Nobleman.

We are so delighted to have this little one, the child of our own native son, as the newest

member of our family at St. Luke's. We look forward to shepherding her in the love of Christ as she grows!



## Jo Stephenson's Painting Classes

Jo Stephenson's Painting Classes begin on Tues., Jan. 14th from 1:30-3:30 P.M.

In my class I have a very talented painter. Born in Seoul, Korea, **Byung Song** came to the USA to study electrical engineering and operation research. He obtained Master's degrees at USC and Columbia University.

After a long career in information technology, he retired and discovered art through the Cresskill Senior Center where I teach. A Cresskill resident, he is married with two children and four grandchildren.



Jo Stephenson with artist Byong Song and his wife

He will be exhibiting his paintings at the Haworth Library during January and February, The Artist's Reception was held on Mon., Jan. 27 at 1:00 P.M. Come and see his amazing paintings! — Jo Stephenson

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### Mark Your Calendar to Sign Up for the District 9 Potluck Reception



Do you have a special hors d'oeuvre recipe? Each PARISH is asked to bring two trays and their favorite Adult Beverage and/or soft drink(s) to share at the District 9 Service on Feb. 23. If you can help — and help with set-up/clean-up — PLEASE DO! We'll post a signup sheet in the Parish Hall.

#### District 9 Worship Service & Fundraiser, Cont'd. from P. 1

District 9 service will feature instrumentalists and a combined choir under the leadership of Mark Trautman, Music Director at St. Paul's and Missioner for Music and the Arts for the Diocese of Newark. The readings and music, including offerings in both Korean and Spanish, will tell the story of the season that celebrates the birth and baptism of Jesus, the launch of his ministry and his transfiguration. The Rev. Lynne Bleich Weber, Rector of Church of the Atonement in Tenafly and Convener for District 9, will preside at the service, and the Rev. William Allport III, Rector of St. Paul's, will preach.

District 9 is one of ten regional groups in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. "Many of our District 9 churches already support their own outreach efforts as well as other local charities with food, goods and monetary donations throughout the year. Our Lenten campaign is an effort by each of our congregations to raise an extra \$500 each – monies that go toward a common goal," said Rev. Weber. "We quote our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, who has preached, 'these times demand even MORE of those of us who are called to serve as the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the world.'"

The 11 participating District 9 churches include All Saints' Episcopal Korean Church/Bergenfield, Church of the Annunciation/Oradell, Church of the Atonement/Tenafly, Grace Church/Westwood, Church of the Holy Communion/Norwood, Holy Trinity Church/Hillsdale, St. Paul's Church/Englewood, St. Andrew's Church/Harrington Park, St. Luke's Church/Haworth, St. Matthew's/Paramus and St. Paul's Church/Montvale. In addition, All Saints Church/ Leonia will support District 9's joint fundraising effort.

#### **Check out District 9's new**

page: <u>https://</u> www.facebook.com/ <u>District9Churches</u>



Being a Christian is not essentially about joining a church or being a nice person, but about following in the footsteps of Jesus, taking his teachings seriously, letting his Spirit take the lead in our lives, and in so doing helping to change the world from our nightmare into God's dream. — Bp. Curry "O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure." – Isaiah 25:1



One of the blessings of our tradition is the relationship each parish has with the other 96 parishes in our diocese. No one parish is alone, goes its own way, or is forgotten because all parishes are connected to each other.

While all our parishes reside in Northern New Jersey, it is more than geography that unites us. We are interrelated because of shared tradition, worship, and our faith. We have much in common, not the least of which is the Book of Common Prayer that orders our worship, teaching, and relationships with each other and with God.

It can be easy to forget that each of us is part of something bigger. Each church is a vital part of the Diocese of Newark. Our diocese in turn is an active participant in The Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church serves a unique role in the Anglican Communion as does every province. And all of us, here in Northern New Jersey and across the world, practice an ancient faith begun with a dozen followers of Jesus who were sent to share the Gospel with all people.

Every year, at Diocesan Convention, we claim our relationship with each other. Reports are made, votes are taken, information is shared, workshops are given, and we worship God together. In short, we remember who we are as a much larger people of faith. Together we are a mighty force and an awesome sight to behold. Whether you are a Deputy to Convention or not, we have a place for you on Saturday morning at Holy Eucharist and/or at the workshops that will follow the service. You are invited and I hope to see you there. I am continuously astonished and energized by the powerful sense of God's presence and peace when we gather as a diocese to pray, praise, and worship our God.

Mark your calendar and join us for this special gathering of the diocese for worship at Convention on **Saturday**, **February 1, at 9 AM**. Praying, singing, and receiving communion with several hundred Episcopalians is always a blessing. I look forward to seeing you there.

Grace and peace,

**Bishop Hughes** 

#### *IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND IN PERSON, SEE PAGE 5 TO FIND OUT HOW TO FOLLOW ONLINE!*

### Your 2020 St. Luke's Convention Reps

### **Deputies**

Tamera Lynch, Paul Nobleman, Susan Gonci

Alternates

Richard Gonci, Claudia Smith, Roberta Nobleman

All members of the diocese are welcome to attend:

- The **Eucharist** at 9 AM Saturday. (Seriously, whenever you get the chance to worship with hundreds of Episcopalians, *you should take it!!!*)
- The <u>Workshops</u> at 9:30 AM and 3:45 PM Friday and 12:15 PM Saturday
- There is also a **guest seating section on the floor of Convention** for those who wish to observe.



If you are not a registered Deputy and plan to attend as a guest, please notify **Randy Johnson** at <u>rjohnson@dioceseofnewark.org</u> so we can be prepared to welcome you.

### Can't attend? Follow online!

Follow the diocesan social media for live streams, videos, announcements and photos posted during Convention:

- <u>facebook.com/dionewark</u>
- Instagram.com/dionewark
- <u>youtube.com/c/dionewark</u>
- <u>twitter.com/dionewark</u>



For this Convention, there will be two official hashtags that can be used together: **#beholdbecome** and **#dionewark146**.

If you're not on social media, you can also follow along on the diocesan website at <u>dioceseofnewark.org/convention</u>.

Highlights to watch for are the live stream both of Bishop Hughes' two Convention addresses, being given during the Friday dinner and the Saturday morning Eucharist, and the five Mission Minutes videos, each of which will be posted online immediately after it's been shown at Convention.

## TWO 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICES YOU SHOULDN'T MISS...

**February 9**— Our guest celebrant and preacher will be Canon Andrew Wright from the Diocese of Newark. Please be sure to come out to meet him and have him answer any questions you may have about the work and workings of our larger church.

**February 16**—Our guest celebrant will be the Rev. David Bruce, who is interviewing with the Wardens & Vestry as a candidate for our part-time position as Priest in Charge. Let's put our best foot forward and have *everyone* come out to meet and greet him and hear him preach.

## **Outreach: Coats, Coats & More Coats**



What a blessing Fr. Paul is to St. Luke's and he says the same thing about us and especially given the generosity of St. Luke's Parishioners in responding to his appeal for winter coats. As he describes it, his office in Hoboken is about half a football field away from the homeless shelter. Every morning, in order for the staff to clean up and get ready for their return, the residents are sent out to go to their jobs, look for work or do whatever they need to do for the day. Knowing the need, Fr. Paul has put a rack outside his building. The sign says,

#### Need a Coat? Take one! Want to Help? Leave a Coat!

Fr. Paul estimates that at least 250-300 coats have been given out since Christmas. His latest appeal for help was because the coat rack was empty. Fr. Paul blessed the many coats and hats and scarves that were donated at St. Luke's on Sun., Jan. 26. Of course, the need continues. Did you get a new coat — or hat or socks or shoes this year? Can you donate your old ones? If so, see Fr. Paul any time...



And, while you're at it, ask him about his animal rescue cause. Again, St. Luke's stepped up. It was announced in church that the ECW is donating \$200 toward Fr. Paul's designed charity, Animal Aid USA. And the need continues...

### SAVE THE DATES



February 25— Shrove Tuesday Laissez les bontemps roulez! Let the good times roll! is the order of the day for Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras. Fun stuff for St Luke's to be announced.



February 26— Ash Wednesday "Remember, O man. Dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return." Service information to be announced.

# St. Luke's Annual Parish Meeting RECAP



Thanks to Gladys Astorga for coordinating our Potluck Luncheon and to all those who brought delicious dishes to share!

Fr. Paul ended our 10 A.M. service with a prayer for St. Luke's as we prepared to hold our annual meeting.

Starting with the Potluck Luncheon, the meeting was opened at Noon by our Senior Warden Tamera Lynch. There being no further nominations from the floor, the Nominating Committee's slate was accepted and unanimously elected. Rich Gonci was elected to a 2year terms as Warden; Anne Caloz and Greg Paller to 3-year terms as Vestry Members. Thanks was given to outgoing Vestry members Helen Shaw and Roberta Nobleman.2021 Convention Delegrates were Susan Gonci, Tamera Lynch and Paul Nobleman with Richard Gonci, Claudia Smith and Roberta Nobleman as Alternates. Claudia Smith was elected District 9 Delegate with Paul Nobleman as Alternate. The Vestry appointed Frank Brescia and Norman Cardine to 2-year terms as trustees to both the Trust Fund and the Endowment Fund. Thanks was given to Junius Stephenson, who is retiring from his longtime post as Trustee.

Organizational reports were reviewed with the most lively discussions centering around the use of our funds and the various building & grounds projects under review by the Vestry. Copies of the Meeting booklet are available upon request.

#### **REGULAR EVENTS**



#### CFA Monthly Food Drive

2nd Sundays @ Service Next: February 9

#### **Vestry Meeting**

2nd Tuesdays in the Parish Hall @ 7:30 P.M.

Parishioners are welcome to attend any time. Next: February 11

#### Parish Fun Night

#### 3rd Sundays @ 6:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to bring a potluck dish to share. Be prepared to have fun in spite of yourself. Board games are played and silliness abounds. If you've never tried it, check it out!

Next: February 16

#### Snack Pack Assembly

Usually 4th Sundays @ Noon Next: February 23

#### **Book Club**

Fourth Thursdays @ 7:30 P.M. in The Rectory or Venue as Announced Next: February 27



## Outreach: Can you spy any Secret Santas in our Holiday Wrap-Up video?



To All St. Luke's Secret Santas:

Embracing All the Possibilities

We truly treasure the sincere efforts you have made

to ensure that every child at YCS was remembered and cared for this holiday season. Your overwhelming thoughtfulness and generosity will continue to be felt by the children throughout 2020. We would like to thank you with a short video celebrating you — our Secret Santas and holiday donors. (*Click below.*)

With warm regards and well wishes for the new year,

Ruthie Harper Vice President, YCS Foundation



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## **Outreach:** Support Our Monthly CFA Programs

Help fill our grocery cart on the second Sunday of every month! Foodstuffs are blessed during the service and taken to the Center for Food Action in Englewood. To learn more about the vital work the CFA does to help feed our neighbors, click here:

#### http://cfanj.org/who-we-are/



Pick up a few extra items to donate and make a less fortunate family's week!

Consider joining the Snack Pack Assembly Angels—usually working on 4th Sundays. Snack packs help less fortunate kids who may not have a decent meal over a weekend when they can't eat at school. This yearround CFA program ensures that the teachers are able to place snack packs filled with nutritious meals very *discreetly* into the children's backpacks.



*St. Luke's angels assemble snack packs after church.* 

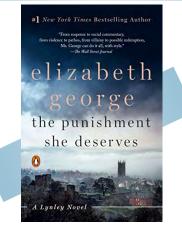
"For all that has been. For all that is. For all that is yet to be. We give you thanks, O Lord!" — Dag Hammarskjöld



### MOST WANTED List

- Supermarket Gift Cards
- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc),
- Canned Hearty Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Tomato Sauce
- Cold Low-sugar
   Cereal and Oatmeal
- Powdered Milk and/or Boxed Milk such as Parmalat
- Canned Fruits
- Instant Potatoes
- 100% Juice
- Baby Formula & Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6
- Bar or Bottled Soap
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Dental Floss





Looking ahead to March's Book Selection

#### **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

**Detective Sergeant Barbara** Havers and Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley are forced to confront the past as they try to solve a crime that threatens to tear apart the very fabric of a quiet, historic medieval town in England. A masterful work of suspense, The Punishment She Deserves sets Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers and Inspector Thomas Lynley against one of their most intricate cases. Both a pageturner and a deeply complex story about the lies we tell, the lies we believe, and the redemption we need, this novel will be remembered as one of George's best.

### **Sign Up to Host on Sunday**

Everyone loves Coffee & Fellowship Hour on Sundays, but someone has to make the coffee. Please sign up in the Parish Hall. Invite someone else to help!



### Between the Lines Book Club

Book Club Meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. at the Rectory unless otherwise noted.

February 27 (appetizers) Driftwood Cottage Sheryl Woods

March 26 (dessert) The Punishment She Deserves Elizabeth George

April 23 (potluck) T<u>he Dream Daughter</u>-Diane Chamberlain

May 28 (wine/cheese) Where the Crawdads Sing Delia Owens

June 25 (pizza) The Summer of '69 Elin Hilderbrand July 23 (appetizers) <u>The Secret Kept</u> Tatiana de Rosnay

August 27 (dessert) <u>Still Life</u> Louise Penny

September 24 (potluck) Fall of Marigolds Susan Meissner

October 22 (wine/cheese) Finding Dorothy Elizabeth Letts

November No meeting

December 3 Dinner out—venue TBD

If the more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. —Dr. Seuss

### Stay in Touch, Stay in the Know!

Please keep us posted if you change your postal address, home telephone number, cell phone number or email address. We now send This Week @ St Luke's eBlast reminders as well as our *New Visions* newsletter by email. If you're on Facebook, like our page and check in often! Make sure that we have your family's birthday and anniversary dates so that we can share your celebrations with the rest of the parish (and NO, we do not need to know how old you are!). Heidi Plinio, our Card Angel, sends greeting cards plus she makes sure you have a Name Tag for Sundays so everyone knows who you are!



#### PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these members of our parish and extended family:

Edith Biondi, Rachel Lynch, Doug Lynch, Roxanne Gabriel, Maryellen Pais, Quinn Rosa, Linda Stephenson, Patricia Stephenson, Michael Snyder, Diane Kansas, Kenny Calderon, Jason Edone, Tresten, Sue Pastore, Chan, Hung-Kwong & family, Carol Maxfield, Lee Harper, Michael McCarten, Eileen LaViola, Elizabeth Secari, Donna Sisti, Muriel Brandt, Leah Ogena Collins, Thomas Chase, Jimmy Rivera, Nate Creamer, Denilson Interiano, Dr. Leonard Scalfani, Jay Rizzo, Judy Ashbrook Hoffman, GailMaureen Ferraro, Julie Salwen, the People of Hong Kong, Maureen Bownes, for the repose of the souls of Rosemary Sullivan (sister of Al Astorga), William Roberts and David Gourevitch

To add names to our Prayer List, please call: Sue Gonci, 201-220-3090 OR Email the Church office at Office@StLukesHaworth.org

We review our Prayer List is monthly to keep it current and manageable for those who pray regularly. Please contact Sue if you wish to keep people on the list. You may also write names in the book on the Chapel Altar. Loved ones who are sick or suffering in any way may also be remembered in prayer during the service of Healing, held on the 3rd Sunday right after our service of Holy Eucharist.

## FEBRUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Jack Pallatta Junius Stephenson
- 13 Kristi Kountz
- 15 Greg Paller Pete Daniele
- 25 Jeffrey Coleman
- 27 Sandra Hernandez

If you don't see your special day in our monthly listings, please e-mail the editors and we'll gladly add it!





Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing [*especially those named on our Parish Prayer List and all whom we name in our hearts*], grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.* 



St. Luke's symbol is the ox. This may explain the fact that he is patron saint of butchers. In art, Luke is represented by a winged ox. The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus' ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world.

#### Grace happens.

All the time. Grace is God's gift to us. The signs of God's grace are abundant. Some are dramatic. Many at first glance seem mundane. All are potentially life transforming.

God created us, but God was not – and is not, finished with creating. God keeps showing up. God is very much at work. Our job as God's creatures, is to pay attention to God's grace. And to join with God in God's work.

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Sun Thanks to our Guest Clergy this month: Rev. Fr. Paul Gulya, 2/2 & 2/23;	Mon Canon Andrew Wright, 2/9; Rev. David Bruce, 2/16	Tue Note: Changes in service times this month	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat 1 5-7:30AM Dream Church Diocesan Convention – ALL DAY 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting		
2 Groundhog Day The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Noon - Coffee Hour/ 1-5 Dream Church	<b>3</b> 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>4</b> 5-7:30AM Dream Church	<b>5</b> 7-10 PM Dream Church	<b>6</b> 5-7:30AM Dream Church 8:30 AM – AA Early Morning Women's Mtg 10 AM – AA Women's Mtg	<b>7</b> 7-10 PM Dream Church	8 5-7:30AM Dream Church 9:30 AM Altar Guild 7-9 PM AA Open Meeting		
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#### St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's is a church in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, N.J. We seek to be a bridge between traditions and communities.

We welcome *anyone* who wants to learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God.

Our members come from many different traditions but are joined together through a love of Christ and our neighbors.

We are located at the crossroads of Demarest, Haworth, Dumont, and Cresskill.

## Check It Out!

What on earth are all these bags doing on the altar steps?

Look inside on Page 6 to find out!





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